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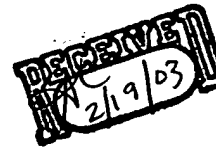
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In re Application of: Mahne

Application No.: 09/259,991

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For: Transparent Encryption and
Decryption with Algorithm Independent
Cryptographic Engine That Allows for
Containerization of Encrypted Files

Art Unit: 2134

Examiner: M. Smithers

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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2002, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

CLEAN VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

47. A method of encrypting an electronic file in an application program running in a suitable environment for operating the program, comprising the steps of:

- a) issuing a change document command to act upon the file;
- b) intercepting the change document command;